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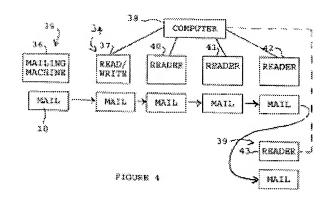
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A mailing system is disclosed in which a mail item (10) includes or carries a smart device (12). The smart device stores data relating to postal information and destination address. A mailing machine similar to a franking machine is used by a user to enter data in the smart device and to account for postage charge used. The postal authority uses the data recorded in the smart device (12) to handle the mail item (10) from a mail receiving station (34) to its destination address (39) and to track passage of the item to its destination address.

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